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## **U.S. AMBASSADOR DELIVERS EQUIPMENT DONATION TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**SAN SALVADOR—** This morning, the U.S. Ambassador, Charles L. Glazer, delivered a medical and computer equipment donation, valued at over \$542,000, to the Minister of Health and Social Assistance (MSPAS, in Spanish), José Guillermo Maza.

The donation is part of the resources being provided under the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Health Strengthening Program. USAID is investing \$29 million in this program over a three-year period.

This donation will improve the provision of health services for maternal and child health, as well as strengthen the reporting system for community health care. The donation includes 50 computers, accessories, software, medical supplies, reference materials for health personnel, and educational materials to promote healthier behaviors and practices in the community, among others.

Moreover, the U.S. government has partially financed the equipping and remodeling of facilitators' offices in the Integrated Health Basic System (SIBASIs) of San Vicente, Cojutepeque, La Libertad, Chalatenango, San Miguel and Usulután.

During the delivery ceremony, Ambassador Glazer said the USAID Health Program supports not only the provision of health services but also the strengthening of the Ministry of Health systems for the sustainability of these services.

Under its program, USAID pursues three general objectives: increased investments and transparency in the health sector, improved integrated child and reproductive health care, and improved detection and containment of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases.

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